

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	

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Chairman Mendive
Vice Chairman Kingsley
Rep Barbieri
Rep Clow
Rep Christensen
Rep Bundy
Rep Erickson

Rep Galloway
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MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representative Burns

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Chairman Mendive introduced the Secretary, **Emily Huddleston**, and Page for the first half of the session, **Audrey Payne**.

Chairman Mendive assigned proofreaders for the committee; **Representative Bundy** and **Representative Burns**.

Chairman Mendive announced that the committee will allow remote testimony.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34pm.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 29255</u>	County Property	Rep. Skaug

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Mendive
Vice Chairman Kingsley
Rep Barbieri
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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Berch

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Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Chairman Mendive introduced a new member to the committee, **Rep. Burns**.

RS 29255: **Rep. Skaug** introduced **RS 29255** which would decrease the maximum duration of county leases from thirty years to five years. Any lease agreement beyond five years would require public election approval by a simple majority vote. At present, an agreement of two out of three county commissioners can get a lease and put the county in debt for thirty years.

In responses to questions, **Rep. Skaug** explained that it wouldn't matter what kind of lease it was. In addition, the idea for this legislation originated because a county sought a lease that would have put the county in debt 180 million dollars in spite of public disapproval.

MOTION: **Rep. Christensen** made a motion to introduce **RS 29255**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Mendive reminded the committee that Monday, February 14th will be the last day to introduce new legislation to the committee.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:37pm.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary

AGENDA
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Wednesday, February 02, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 474	COUNTY PROPERTY - Amends existing law regarding lease and purchase of county buildings.	Rep. Skaug

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PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson (Powell), Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:29pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18 and January 26, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 474: **Rep. Skaug** explained a change will be made to **H 474** and he hopes to reintroduce it as a new RS. However, this legislation prevents a two out of three majority of county commissioners from entering into open ended leases for jails and courthouses. In order to enter into a lease agreement longer than five years, there will need to be approval from a simple majority vote of the people.

In response to questions about whether it has been vetted for constitutionality through the Attorney General's office, **Rep. Skaug** said he had received no negative feed back from them but also no formal opinion.

In response to concerns about the language 'and such other public buildings as may be necessary', **Rep. Skaug** said it had been lifted from old statutes and would be revisited.

When questioned about the significance of five years, **Rep. Skaug** said the use of five years came from specific examples of situations where five years didn't create the same problems as longer term leases.

In response to questions about continuous five year leases as a potential loophole, **Rep. Skaug** the people could prevent this at the ballot box by voting for different commissioners. In addition, this legislation wasn't based on one county but on several different incidents in several different counties.

Len Humphries, Fremont County Sheriff, **Abbie Mace**, Fremont County Clerk, **Doug Zenner**, Nez Perce County Commissioner, **Patty Weeks**, Nez Perce County Clerk, and **Terrel Tovey**, Bannock County Commissioner, all spoke in opposition to **H 474**. They voiced concerns about current difficulties in getting funds for much needed jails and courthouses. Lack of adequate space in jails already costs additional funds because they have to pay to house prisoners in other counties. The current lease system is a useful tool for the counties to ensure that necessary buildings running as well as allow the officials to choose the cheapest option for the taxpayers. Leasing is necessary because jail bonds haven't passed for years. Taxpayers are unwilling to fund these projects because the benefits they provide do not directly affect the average person.

Ronald Harriman, Chairman of the Concerned Citizens of Canyon County, **Darl Bruner**, member of the Concerned Citizens of Canyon County, and **Hubert Osborne** testified in support of **H 474**. They didn't want so few people making major decisions for the entire county. They voiced concerns about how excessive debt increases already high property taxes and said the people would vote in favor of those things which would be a benefit to their community.

Russ Hendrichs, Idaho Farm Bureau, spoke in support of **H 474** as he believes it is unconstitutional to get into large amounts of debt without voter approval. He said long term debt has the same effect on taxpayers no matter how it is incurred. The buildings are for the people; if the people oppose it then it isn't actually for their benefit.

In response to questions about the constitutionality of long term leases, **Mr. Hendrichs** said it moves away from the spirit of the law if not the letter.

Vici Purdy, Adams County Commissioner, also spoke in support of **H 474** as it is good for transparency and it prevents smaller counties from entering into agreements they won't be able to uphold.

In response to questions, **Rep. Skaug** said he had received no formal response from the Association of Counties either against or in support of this legislation. Additionally, he explained the change he seeks to make to **H 474** is to change the effective date from July 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023 in order to give Nez Perce county time to complete a project they currently have in the works.

MOTION:

Rep. Galloway made a motion to **HOLD H 474** in committee.

Rep. Berch said, based on the testimony, municipalities need this tool so he is opposed to **H 474**.

Rep. Nate spoke in support of **H 474**. He said the arguments against were based on a lack of trust in voters to know what is best for their communities.

Rep. Weber said it isn't about not trusting the public but rather trusting in the people elected to represent the public.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Clow made a motion to **HOLD H 474** in committee at the call of the chair.
Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:39pm.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, February 08, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29397	Abatement Districts, Members	Rep. Gestrin
RS 29394	County Property, Jails, Courthouses	Rep. Skaug

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PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Christensen

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Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29397: **Rep. Gestrin** introduced **RS 29397** which would allow local county commissioners to decide whether the boards established by the Abatement District Act for mosquito abatement to have either three or five members. This would make it easier for these boards to achieve a quorum.

In response to questions about just two members making a quorum preventing them from talking to each other without it being a public meeting, **Rep. Gestrin** that most counties have just three commissioners and that hasn't caused any issues.

Rep. Weber further explained they can speak but not deliberate or make decisions without causing any legal issues.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 29397**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29394: **Rep. Skaug** explained **RS 29394** would replace a piece of legislation heard earlier by the committee regarding jail and courthouse funding. This legislation removed the 'and other buildings' language and changed the effective date to January 2023.

In response to questions about a possible incentive for counties to rapidly seek to fund new jails and courthouses prior to this deadline, **Rep. Skaug** said most of these counties have not funded these projects in the last hundred years and they likely will not in the next year.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 29394**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:38pm.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Monday, February 14, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 29493	Cities, Annexation, Area of Impact	Rep. Okuniewicz
RS 29501	Accessory Dwelling Units	Rep. Nash
RS 29516	Subdivisions, Counties, Exemptions	Rep. Gestrin
RS 29499C1	Community Improvement District Board Membership	Rep. Green

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PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Christensen

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Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29493: **Rep. Okuniewicz** explained currently when a property is adjoined by two different cities the property owner can choose which county by which to be annexed. However, the city which does not annex the property often seeks to collect revenue from the property owner using the area of impact argument. **RS 29493** would ensure that the property owner would only be required to pay taxes to the city by which the property has been annexed.

In response to questions, **Rep. Okuniewicz** said this places primary importance on the rights of the property owner. However, this does not attempt to address the problem of forced annexation.

MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to introduce **RS 29493**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29501: **Rep. Nash** introduced **RS 29501** which deals with a city or Home Owners Association's ability to prohibit accessory dwelling units. This is important because these types of dwelling can help with the current housing shortage issues. It would decrease government involvement and give more power to the people.

In response to questions regarding possible ways this would conflict with zoning rules, **Rep. Nash** said the definition of an accessory dwelling unit versus that of multiple family housing will allow them to maintain the character of this legislation and prevent it from being abused in this manner. Additionally, this legislation would simply prevent HOAs and cities from creating broad bans on these types of living situations without preventing them from creating restrictions on other areas that would be affected by this, like parking.

In response to questions about the definition of an accessory dwelling unit, **Rep. Nash** explained it has to be a place where someone can live; this would prevent storage sheds from being included in the definition. Additionally, the definition prevents motor homes or trailers from being included.

In response to questions about whether this would only apply to new residents while old residents would still live under the former restrictions, **Rep. Nash** said that this concern was raised and dismissed during the creation of the legislation as the entire subdivision would be under the same set of restrictions.

Rep. Burns declared a Rule 80, possible conflict of interest.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 29501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29516: **Rep. Gestrin** explained **RS 29516** would reduce the restrictions placed on large land divisions. This legislation requires counties to except certain land divisions from county subdivision regulations. Currently, counties can require all land divisions to comply with highly technical, increasingly expensive, and overly restrictive requirements governing formal subdivisions. The complex and costly subdivision requirements prevent farmers and ranchers from passing portions of family farms and ranches to their children and grandchildren.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29516**.
In response to questions about the significance of the one hundred acre limit, **Rep. Gestrin** said he knew of no special significance.
Rep. Clow suggested that eighty acres would be a more useful limit as it is a more common lot size in land divisions.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 29516** with Line 35 changed to eighty (80) or more acres. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Rep. Gestrin supported this change.

RS 29499C1: **Rep. Green** explained **RS 29499C1** would revise provisions regarding the membership of a Community Improvement District Board in the event of boundaries change from at-large council elections to city council districts. Additionally, the legislation stipulates that no district can exclude land that is surrounded by property within the districts. This currently exists because some houses declined to participate in the Community Improvement District and therefore did not pay any fees even though they still benefit from the Board's actions.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to introduce **29499C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary

AGENDA
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Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 575	COUNTY PROPERTY - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding lease to purchase arrangements for courthouses and jails.	Rep. Skaug

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MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 575: **Rep. Skaug** explained **H 575** would require any county lease for a jail or courthouse lasting longer than five years to have voter approval. Currently, two out of three commissioners can approve a lease for up to thirty years which is against the spirit of the Idaho Constitution which restricts how much long term debt a government entity can accrue without voter approval. This will not take away leasing as a tool for counties to get new jails and court houses, it will simply involve the taxpayers in that decision.

Sharon Harris and **David Harris** spoke in support of **H 575**.

Seth Grigg, Executive Director of the Idaho Association of Counties, spoke in **opposition** to **H 575**. He said this tool is constitutional and is not seeking to increase revenue authority which is why it doesn't currently require voter approval. Counties determine if they have enough funds within their existing budget before entering into the lease agreement. Additionally, it is an annual lease that has to be renewed every year. They can choose not to renew it if they lack funding. These counties also usually solicit broad public approval and don't go forward with the project if there is push back. He also raised concerns about the language 'and such other public buildings' which was removed because he feared this would prevent counties from using this tool for any buildings, not just jails and courthouses.

Rep. Berch clarified that the goal of the language removal was to ensure that these additional restrictions on leases would only affect jails and courthouses and not other buildings.

In response to questions about the need for a lease if the counties already have funds in the existing budget, **Mr. Grigg** said the counties have enough money for the debt service, not for the entire building.

In response to questions about how counties use the provision requiring these leases to be renewed every year, **Mr. Grigg** explained counties aren't permitted to incur debt for longer than one year so they enter into one year rolling leases to be continued for thirty years. This would be affected by the five year limit because lenders will be less likely to enter into agreements and while the counties can choose not to renew every year, they very rarely do so.

Russ Hendricks, representing Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in support of **H 575**. He said their members see this as a small step in closing a loophole allowing counties to incur long term debt without voter approval. Long term leasing is against the spirit of Constitution. It is always better to purchase than to lease because of the long term expenses. Bonds are a more efficient means of paying for jails and courthouses but counties avoid them because the voters don't support the counties' plans.

In closing, **Rep. Skaug** reminded the committee that not all counties are opposed to this. **H 575** would remove a clever way to work around the legality of long term debt.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 575** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a substitute motion to send **H 575** to the floor without recommendation.

Rep. Burns said he supports the substitute motion. The state requires counties to have courthouses and jails and is now making it more difficult for them to fulfill these requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE, 7 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Bundy, Erickson, Weber, Berch, Green, and Burns. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Mendive, Kingsley, Barbieri, Clow, Galloway, Nate, and Skaug. Rep. Christensen was absent/excused.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Mendive** called for a vote on the original motion to send **H 575** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Berch and Burns** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:07pm.

Representative Mendive
Chair

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Secretary

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Or Upon Adjournment

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 576	HEALTH - Amends existing law to provide that an abatement district board may have either three or five members.	Rep. Gestrin
S 1248	WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding compensation.	Senator Vick

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Galloway, Weber

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

MOTION: **Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 2:47pm.
Rep. Bundy made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Mendive introduced the Page for the second half of the session, **Elijah Zeller**.

H 576: **Rep. Gestrin** said **H 576** would allow abatement districts to have either a three or a five member board as approved by the county commissioners. At present, they have five member boards which has made it difficult for small communities to achieve a quorum.
Melissa Maini, Chair of the Edwards Mosquito Abatement District, spoke in **support** of **H 576** because of the difficulty her district has experienced in achieving a quorum.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **H 576** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1248: **Senator Vick** explained **S 1248** changes the maximum amount Water and Sewer Districts can compensate their board members sewer from 100 to 150 dollars.
Barb Neal, Hayden Lake Watershed Association, spoke in **support** of **S 1248** as the increase of population in Idaho has created a heavier work load for sewer board members and the maximum compensation hasn't been increased in decades.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to send **S 1248** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Okuniewicz** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:59pm.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary